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# SENATE BILL No. 644

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-6.1-3-10.1.

**Synopsis:** Literacy education in teacher training. Makes experience with a scientifically based method of literacy education a requirement for state licensing for elementary education teachers.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 24, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 20-6.1-3-10.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 10.1. (a) The board  
3       may not grant an initial standard license to an individual unless the  
4       individual has demonstrated proficiency in the following areas on a  
5       written examination or through other procedures prescribed by the  
6       board:

- 7           (1) Basic reading, writing, and mathematics.
- 8           (2) Pedagogy.
- 9           (3) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required to  
10          have a license to teach.
- 11          (4) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary  
12          school teacher:
  - 13               (A) **experience with a scientifically based method of**  
14               **literacy education; and**
  - 15               (B) comprehensive reading instruction skills, including:
    - 16                   (A) ~~(i)~~ **(i)** phonemic awareness; and
    - 17                   (B) ~~(ii)~~ **(ii)** phonics instruction.



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(b) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed by the board without the individual's consent unless specifically required by state or federal statute or court order.

(c) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

(1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other procedures required by subsection (a).

(2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.

(3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.

(d) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the conditions under which the requirements of this section may be waived for individuals holding valid teachers licenses issued by another state.

(e) Subsection (a) does not apply to individuals holding Indiana limited, reciprocal, or standard teaching licenses on June 30, 1985.

(f) If the board is notified by the department of state revenue that a person is on the most recent tax warrant list, the board may not grant an initial standard license to the person until:

(1) the person provides the board with a statement from the department of state revenue indicating that the person's delinquent tax liability has been satisfied; or

(2) the board receives a notice from the commissioner of the department of state revenue under IC 6-8.1-8-2(k).

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